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## FOURTH IS A BIG DAY

Commercial Club Behind Celebration Which Draws Crowd

The rain almost spoiled the Fourth. Almost—but not quite. There was a rain Friday and it was decidedly gloomy on Saturday morning. Up to 8 o'clock even the ardor of the youngsters was so dampened that they did not have nerve to shoot even a firecracker. The lethargy wore off later however and they did start something.

It was a pretty sane Fourth here. Few if any injuries were reported and the noise was small. The shooting of the usual pistols and firecrackers was done mostly prior to the Fourth. When the great day arrived the small boys had expended their noise money and what they had left they devoted to the welfare of the vendor of soft drinks, ice cream and peanuts.

Nowadays the principal part of the Fourth is the crowd. If a big crowd is gathered together they can usually have a good time and they did here. There was a big bunch of people here. They commenced coming through the mud early in the morning and continued to arrive up to 2 p. m. when the incoming rigs ceased and the next move was for those returning to their home in the evening.

The rain and mud caused plans to change. The parade which was to have been in the morning was changed until the afternoon and it was 2 or 2:30 p. m. before the line of march was taken up. The band occupied a wagon and was among the leaders of the procession. After the parade the races and contests were carried out and prizes awarded according to program.

The program continued up to 6 o'clock when the crowd had supper and remained for the band concert and the picture show. The band had a platform on top of the awning of the Thrash Bras. drug store and they played until nearly 10:30 o'clock. There were two picture shows with crowded houses at each performance and after the show a dance was put on at the American theatre for those who had left enough energy to dance. The dance heretofore has been on a platform erected in the open but this year the platform was not erected.

The band furnished pleasing music all during the day. There was plenty of drinks for all. There was no dust but this was compensated for by a big lot of confetti which proved entertaining to the youngsters and a conger of collars, etc. for the older folks. It was a day devoted to a reunion and many people who had not been here for a long time were seen on the streets. They came from all over the county. Order was maintained by the marshals of the day and everyone was tired and felt they had celebrated when the day was over. The Commercial Club was back of the affair and they did good work in advertising which drew the crowd. The club broke even or a little ahead on the fund in hands for the celebration.

### THE PARADE

The parade was not what it would have been had the rain not put several floats out of commission and interfered with the completion of others, but it was fine as far as it went. Many of the turnouts were indeed excellent and reflect great credit on those who worked so hard to get them up.

The procession was headed by Grand Marshal Parks and Chief Police Tisdale, followed by Captain Arrington on the big cannon, beautifully decorated. By his side on the front of the big field piece was George

Hechler, Capt. Arrington with an ex-confederate flag and Hechler with Old Glory. On the butt of the cannon was perched Robt. P. Clarkson, candidate for presiding judge, and he appeared to enjoy the thought of what the artillery would do if the piece was headed for Mexico and he was ordered to limber up on Huerta. Uncle Marion Cox of the Hills was holding the barrel down from his seat on the center of it, and John Howard was riding comfortably on the muzzle, ready to replace the tin cans, "dead soldiers" and brick bats with which the gun had been crammed by boys, with shrapnel, grape or slugs if there was occasion for "turning it loose" on anything. Claib Franklin rode the four-big mules hitched to the artillery and seemed to wait orders to drive on to Mexico. Next was the band on a splendidly decorated float and the martial music it dispensed all along the route was grand. Then came the Keytesville Lumber Co. float with a real silo mounted thereon, then Herring Pharmacy float gaily caparisoned, then Mrs. Crisman's float representing farming, and it was a beauty; then Milt Bennet's splendid advertisement of his shoe store, followed by a white barge, all its occupants trimmed out in pure white, representing the W. C. T. U. and it would have been a credit in any parade; next J. M. Halley showed his artistic taste in a representation of what he displayed in his establishment and he was followed by the L. B. Thrash conception of what such a display should be, and the skill of his chief clerk, Chas. Schell in the makeup was highly applauded. Wm. Adams of the Adams & Tisdale livery firm dived it around in a prettily decorated buggy, the kind he don't fix up for the regular trade, and James Dameron of the Dameron & Son garage was in the procession with a good ad for his firm in the way of a disabled automobile drawn by a pair of mules and headed for his repair shop. The Star Bakery float was the real thing, U. R. Westlake having put his machine on wheels and manufactured toothsome cakes which he scattered to the crowd which lined the line of parade. It was a sight to those who had never seen the method of making cookies by the cart load, and the enterprising young hustler deserves much applause for his successful effort, as well as all others who made the parade such a success under the circumstances of the muddy streets and bad weather in the morning. There would have been 20 more floats but for the lack of time to prepare them after the rain the afternoon and night before.

### THE PRIZES

The prizes were awarded as follows:  
Pony race—W. M. Myers.  
100-yard dash—First, Otis Bachtel; second, Phillip Hurst.  
Fat man's race—Chas. Bennett.  
Best mule colt—Geo. Foster.  
Best horse colt—John Moritz.  
Ladies' egg race—Mrs. Dempsey Fennell.  
Ladies' sawing contest—Mrs. Thomas Carr.  
Boy's potato race—First, Henry Kestler; second, Oscar Rayburn.  
Best boy rider—Henry Kestler.  
Best lady driver—Miss Pauline Untermacher, Brunswick.  
Best driving horse—Russell Laird, Brunswick.  
Best saddle horse—John Jackson.  
Largest family present—Chas. Friesz and wife with 9 children.  
Family coming longest distance—Mrs. W. L. Myers, Delphi, Ind.  
Best decorated float from country—Mrs. Crisman.  
Best decorated automobile—Mrs. O. P. Ray.

## MONUMENT SELECTED FIGHT A DRAW BATTLE

Unveiling At Price Park With Big Military Display—Unveiling in October.

Maj. J. D. Ingram of Nevada, chairman of the Price Monument committee was here Monday at the head of the committee which acted on the photos submitted by the sculptors and made selection of the design preferred.

Mrs. B. Hughes of Mt. Vernon was unable to be present at the meeting of the executive session of the committee of which she is a member, but was in hearty accord with the determination to get the monument here and dedicated at the earliest practicable moment.

A number of the old soldiers who served under General Sterling Price were shown the photos of the casts made and all agreed on the one selected by the committee as being decidedly the best likeness of their old commander, and also a number who knew him well coincided with the old soldiers. John P. Tippet, J. J. Moore, Dave Laird, J. A. C. Phillips and a number of others were well pleased with the likeness of the bust named by the committee and were unanimous in their praise of the prospective work.

The committee were unable to fix an exact date for the unveiling, but authorized us to say that it would take place between the first and fifteenth of October and that the occasion would be made the grandest ever held in this county. National and state U. D. Cs., G. A. R. and ex-Confederate camps, speakers of national repute, parades and military music will be features of the day, and the local camp of Confederate Vets will do its best to make a most complete and instructive event the county has ever had an opportunity to celebrate.

### Persyn-Burns

Theo Persyn of Snyder, Mo. and Miss Rebekah Burns, of Galatea, Ill., were married July 4 by Justice L. L. Minor at Triplett.

Feldenheimer, the big Moberly merchant, came up in his Cole car the 4th and enjoyed the celebration for a while. He had several of his clerks in his party and they were thoroughly enjoying the favors of their considerate "boss".

Hon. R. W. Rucker spoke at Triplett Thursday night of last week to a well filled opera house, and his speech was well received. His speech of the Saturday night before at Brunswick, when he had the streets filled with people to hear him, we inadvertently failed to mention in last last weeks issue.

When J. J. Moore went home to lunch at noon Saturday, he found all his sisters gathered there for a visit. Mrs. Lizzie Jeter of K. City, Mrs. Rebecca Hall of Oklahoma, Mrs. Ross Glenn of Kansas and Mrs. Willie Sullivan of the Bluffs made the day one of special enjoyment to their brother and his family.

Salisbury turned out a good delegation to the celebration of the Fourth. A party came over on the train returning at midnight and ate their lunch at six o'clock on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Fidler. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Callahan, Misses Ethel and Stella Wells, Lucille Owenby, Mrs. Roy McKittrick, Mrs. John Mode, Robert Copland, J. Hayes and Wilbur Fidler.

Fayette Wins First Game And Keytesville Takes The Second Score 8 to 1

On Saturday and Sunday there were two games of ball here in spite of the rainy prospects for Saturday. The first round was disastrous to the locals who played any old person they could find and had only one of the regular team in his usual position, Wayland at first was the only man who played regular position for the locals. Anderson and Hurt pitched while Coleman was behind the bat. The score was 17 to 3 for Fayette. There was a good crowd at this game.

Sunday Keytesville had its regular lineup. This was a different story. Four hits was all the visitors could get off Franke the local pitcher. They scored a single run off this. Keytesville tapped Nutt for seven and got eight runs. Coleman was the only man to distinguish himself in getting more than one bag, he hit for three. Nutt struck out 12 of the locals and Franke fanned 10. Each man hit one batter and Franke let three men walk. Five of the visitors were left on bases and three of the locals. There was a fair audience Sunday. Marlowe of Fayette umpired the game. Fayette's run came in the seventh inning. The locals batted heavy at the start with three runs the first and four the second inning. The additional score was in the seventh and the locals did not trouble themselves to bat in the ninth. Franke's error in the box was highly complimented by the fans.

### Mrs. J. S. Rucker

Mrs. J. S. Rucker, following a sickness of four or five years, died at Kirksville July 7 and the remains were brought here Wednesday afternoon, July 8 and interred in the city cemetery. The deceased was born on the farm now occupied by Charles Chapman March 23, 1864. She married J. S. Rucker here November 28, 1888. She is survived by five children, Mrs. Warren Elliott, Keytesville; Harry, Harvey, Polly and Margaret. The funeral was held at the M. E. church, Rev. Myers officiating. Mrs. Elliott, daughter was with her mother when the end came and accompanied the remains here.

Rev. Duvall of Salisbury was called to Moberly Wednesday to pronounce the marriage ceremony for George Simpson and Miss Fieta Hardwick.

James Ralston arrived from Chicago Saturday for a visit to his old friend Capt. J. C. Wallace. Mr. Ralston was a traveling salesman for 47 years and was never in a railroad accident.

Edgar Wilks who suffered for a week with a serious case of tonsillitis and complications, was able to be up town the latter part of last week and is progressing rapidly toward permanent recovery. A local surgeon was compelled to lance an abscess of the throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads, Mrs. Eliza Veatch and Mr. and Mrs. George Mackay arrived to spend the week end at the home of Mrs. Kate Dewey. They made the trip in the Rhoads car, a Jeffreys. They expected to return to St. Louis the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay have made some plans to rent a house for a month to come about the first of August to spend a month.

### Carter-Dooley

Virgil Carter and Miss Maggie Dooley were united in marriage Sunday June 28 at the Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. Francis Mitchell. After the ceremony the old sweethearts were sumptuously entertained with a big dinner party at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Carter northeast of this city, homefolks only being present.

Virgil Carter is one of our best progressive young farmers and his bride the daughter of A. Dooley is known to all our citizens as well as extensively in the eastern parts of the county, as one of the most energetic domestic young women ever reared in this county, besides possessing many personal charms.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter thot to evade any demonstration by their young friends, so they quietly left their neighborhood and camped at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Clem Oestrich west of town. About 1 a. m. a big charivari party opened up with shot guns, lard cans and a cow bell chorus and kept up the serenade until morning. Clem decoyed the crowd for about a quarter of a mile when he was captured and it was discovered that he was not Virgil. Then there was "music." The young couple will make their home at Brunswick for a while and take with them the congratulations of the Courier.

### William Elmer Gaines

Dr. William Elmer Gaines died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Gaines at Brunswick Friday July 3 at the age of 31 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was stricken with typhoid fever at his residence town, Sugar Creek, a suburb of Kansas City about two weeks before his death. A week after he was taken ill he came home. Shortly after he was compelled to take his bed and in a week from the time he arrived home he died. Dr. Gaines was reared in Brunswick and graduated from the dental department of St. Louis University. He worked with Dr. Cleveland a short time at Brunswick and then bought the Seiser office here and remained a while. Later he went to Sugar Creek where he continued his practice to the time of his death. He is survived by his parents and two brothers. The funeral service consisted of a short service at the grave in charge of Rev. Robt. White. The service was held at 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Judge H. C. Minter made a visit to Salisbury Tuesday.

Morris Cocke of Kansas City arrived here at the close of last week in an automobile. He visited his wife who is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cocke at their home north of town.

U. R. Westlake went to Moberly Tuesday afternoon to visit his wife who is at the hospital in that city. She was taken there last Sunday and at once submitted to a surgical operation. She had been ill for a week. She was at last reports getting along well.

The rain came from from the northeast Tuesday evening and plentifully sprinkled the county. It extended from east to west and all parts of the county report a good shower. This weather is making the corn get up and hustle. It has been falling just about right for the past few weeks and if it continues a while longer there will be no question of the dimensions of the corn output this year.

## DISPOSES OF ESTATE

Chris Noll's Will Filed—1500 Acres of Land—Other Property

The will of the late Christopher Noll of Glasgow, Howard county has been filed for record here as it disposes of some Chariton county land. The estate consists of about 1500 acres of land and personalty value at \$10,000. At one place in the will he states he advanced one daughter 423 acres of land some time ago when the land was worth about \$6 per acre.

The will recites that a monument to cost not less than \$500 is to be erected at the testator's grave. The widow, Helena Matilda is left the home palace, lots 1, 2, 14, blk 18, in Glasgow with all its contents during her life. She also gets the income or use of 209 acres of Chariton county land for life, this being e hf ne 17; pt n hf se 17; nw sw 16 pt sw nw 16-52-18, in lieu of dower.

At her death the son, Rolf Russell Noll gets the 209 acres in which widow has life estate and also \$1000 in cash if he becomes a farmer. If not, then the \$1000 goes into the general estate. A sister, Bettie Hollman gets an income of \$100 per annum for her life from the estate.

The executors during the minority of the children are to pay to the widow for support and education of the children sufficient sums for that purpose the rest to be invested. He desires that the children follow the tilling of the land as an occupation. He desires that all accounts be kept at Glasgow Savings Bank and that all of the business of the estate be transacted there. The home property is to remain as a home for the widow and children as any of them are unmarried and need it. When the youngest child is of age a grandson, Chris Bucksath is to be paid \$1000 then the remainder of the estate is to be divided equally between widow and children, the latter being Tillie Bucksath, Ida C. Sasse, H. C. Noll, Minnie E. Noll, Emma Noll, Alleda Noll, August, Willie Mae and Helena Noll.

Tillie Bucksath was given 423 acres of land valued at the time at \$2500 and a son, H. C. was given \$2000. These amounts are to be charged as advancements against the shares these are to receive.

If any child contest the will his or her share goes to the others. The wife is guardian and curator of the minor children during her life and their minority without bond. The widow, Henry C. Noll and Henry C. Sasse are made executors without bond and the male executors are admonished to make no moves regarding the estate without first consulting the widow.

A codicil relates that since the drawing of the will part of the Chariton county land, including the 208 acres going to the widow has been leased to a partnership of Gus and Chris Noll and the farm land properly stocked. The lease is to extend to the conclusion of the minority of the children or so long as desired and one-half the crop of the 208 acres goes to the widow and the same proportion of the crop the remainder goes to the credit of the general estate as rental. A son, Henry also is charged by the codicil with \$500 advanced since the will was written. The will is drawn with every regard to detail and is a thorough and complete instrument.